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AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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SUBJECT: SOVIET UNION ENTERS MEXICAN ELECTRIC POWER

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1. USDOC DISCUSSED SUBSTANCE OF REF (A) WITH ALLIS-

CHALMERS AND WESTINGHOUSE AS WELL AS U.S. FIRMS PARTICIPATING IN THE LAGUNA VERDENUCLEAR POWER PROJECT. NONE OF THE FIRMS CONTACTED WERE AWARE OF CFE'S INTEREST IN PURSUING SOVIET FINANCING OR SOVIET TECHNOLOGY/EQUIPMENT FOR CFE HYDRO AND NUCLEAR PROJECTS.

2. BURNS AND ROE SAID THAT THEY HEARD RECENTLY ABOUT THE FORMATION OF A SPECIAL CFE COMMISSION HEADED BY JUAN EIBENSCHUTZ FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXAMINING THE FUTURE ENERGY NEEDS OF MEXICO. BURNS AND ROE SPECULATES THAT PERHAPS FARRELL'S VISIT TO MOSCOW MAY BE PART OF THE CFE STUDY. EMBASSY MEXICO MAY WISH TO CONFIRM OR COMMENT ON THIS INFORMATION.

3. FARRELL'S COMMENT REGARDING WESTINGHOUSE COMES AS NO SURPRISE TO WESTINGHOUSE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE FIRM ENCOUNTERED SERIOUS PROBLEMS ON A CFE COMBINED-CYCLE GAS TURBINE PROJECT BUT THESE PROBLEMS ARE BEING RESOLVED. REGARDING FARRELL'S INTEREST IN SOVIET NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY, WESTINGHOUSE CONJECTURES THAT PERHAPS MEXICO IS SEEKING TO GET A COMPLETE NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE CAPABILITY SIMILAR TO RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF AGREEMENT FOR WEST GERMANY TO PROVIDE SUCH A CAPABILITY TO BRAZIL.

4. RECOGNIZING EMBASSY MEXICO DIFFICULTY IN DEALING WITH FARRELL AND FARRELL'S LOW REGARD FOR AND HOSTILITY TOWARD CERTAIN U.S. FIRMS, WE STILL BELIEVE ESSENTIAL THAT EMBASSY MEXICO DETERMINE RESULTS AND DETAILS OF FARRELL'S MOSCOW VISIT. ALSO, ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY MOSCOW CAN PROVIDE ON THIS SUBJECT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. INGERSOLL

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